

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

PRESENTS

TIP O'NEILL

IRISH DIASPORA AWARDS WEEKEND

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Programme Of Events

20TH & 21ST OCTOBER 2017



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IN ASSOCIATION WITH
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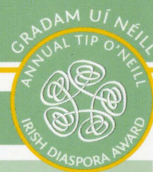


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FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Time: 8.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

Location: The Great Hall, Ulster University, Magee Campus, Derry.

Topic: *The Role of Politics & Education in Economic Development with Martin Meehan, President of the University of Massachusetts.*

Time: 12.00 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Location: Students Hub, Ulster University, Magee Campus, Derry.

Topic: *Energising your Start up with Frazer Doherty, Founder of Super Jam and MBE.*

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Location: Aberfoyle House, Ulster University, Magee Campus, Derry.

Topic: *Lessons to be learnt from successful Inward Investment with Barbara Koster*

Time: 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Location: The Great Hall, Ulster University, Magee Campus, Derry.

Topic: *Life Stories with Packie Bonner, Former Celtic and Republic of Ireland Goalkeeper.*

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Location: An Grianan Hotel, Burt

The Gala Tip O'Neill Donegal Diaspora Awards Ceremony & Dinner

Tickets can be purchased at
www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/

SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER

Time: First Tee 11.40 a.m.

Location: Glashedy Links at Ballyliffin Golf Club

*Tip O'Neill Donegal Diaspora Golf Challenge 2017
followed by presentations at 6.00 p.m.*



AWARD RECIPEENTS



Martin Meehan

Martin Meehan was appointed President of the University of Massachusetts in 2015. He served in the U.S. Congress from 1993 to 2007. During his congressional career he was deeply involved in the Northern Ireland peace process. During his time in the University of Massachusetts Lowell, he established the Centre for Irish Partnerships in 2009. The Letterkenny Institute of Technology was an early partner of the Centre for Irish Partnerships and this relationship is one that continues to thrive.



Fraser Doherty

Frazer Doherty MBE is the founder of the 100% fruit jam company – Super Jam is based in Scotland. He started the business at the age of 14 using his Donegal Grandmother's recipe. Super Jam was launched nationally in Waitrose 11 years ago and has since gone on to sell millions of jars through thousands of stores around the world. The brand has become one of the most popular brands in countries such as South Korea. More recently, he founded Beer 52, the world's largest craft beer club with more than 150,000 customers. It is one of Scotland's fastest growing companies. He was awarded an MBE by the Queen in 2015 for his service to business.



Barbara Koster

Barbara is the Board Chair of Pramerica Systems Ireland Ltd and is one of the founding members of Pramerica along with noted Irish Americans Bill Friel and Bob Golden. Barbara's commitment to Pramerica and to Donegal has been steadfast for over 17 years. Since announcing the launch of Pramerica in 1999 and opening in 2000 Barbara has been committed to the on-going development and growth of Pramerica in Donegal which now employs over 1,200 staff.



Packie Bonner

A former Donegal Sports person who had a long career as goalkeeper with Celtic in Scotland and with the Irish team. Packie made more appearances for Celtic than any other goalkeeper and for a time held the record for the number of goalkeeping appearances for Ireland. He put in many memorable performances for Ireland and was idolised by a generation of young soccer fans. He lives in Glasgow and is an extremely proud Donegal man and takes every opportunity to promote his native County.

Admission is free

Places are limited and must be booked in advance at
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THE NOMINATION PROCESS FOR THE TIP O'NEILL IRISH DIASPORA AWARD 2018

Donegal County Council will soon be opening
the nomination process for the
Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2018.

This Gala Awards Ceremony will take place on
Friday September 14th 2018

followed by the
Tip O'Neill Donegal Diaspora Golf Challenge
in Ballyliffin Golf Course on
Saturday September 15th 2018.

Further information to be made available soon at
www.irishdiasporaaward.com